

Syndicate's meet with CA today **DU postpones all exams till Aug 9**

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The Dhaka University Syndicate at an emergency meeting on Sunday evening again postponed all scheduled examinations till August 9 "due to the prevailing situation on the campus".

The Syndicate members will call on the Chief Advisor of the Caretaker Government this Monday morning to discuss the ongoing impasse.

The authorities' initiative in resolving the prevailing impasse on the campus apparently came to a halt as the provosts of the dormitories locked in argument over one student organisation's proposal. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) placed the proposal on Saturday at a meeting with the authorities of

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Most of the provosts at a meeting of Provost Standing Committee (PSC) on Sunday again opposed the proposal of a massive search in five dormitories.

Sources said the provosts were reluctant to conduct another combing operation in the halls within a few days of the 'inspection drive' rejecting the proposal of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

The PSC gave their recommendations to the Syndicate about the JCD's proposal, sources added.

Sources in the administration said the authorities would finalise their strategy to restore the congenial atmosphere after their meeting with the Chief Advisor Latifur Rahman.

The left leaning student organisations will sit today (Monday) with the authorities to apprise of their stance on the campus issue.

But the sources in JCD hinted that the central leadership of the organisation was splitted over the negotiation process with the authorities. Some leaders are pressing for taking hardline on the campus issue and the others are in favour of negotiation.

The hardliners expressed their anger to the JCD leadership after the talks with the authorities as they dropped the demand of the VC's resignation.

The leaders penned through the demand of VC's resignation during the talks, the sources said and added that boycotting the negotiation table the leaders told the supporters that they did not left aside the demand.

The university Syndicate, PSC and the DUTA also expressed their concern at the increase of violence and deterioration of academic atmosphere in the educational institutes across the country and demanded of the Caretaker Government to improve the situation.

The DUTA at its general meeting gave its total support to the initiatives taken by university authorities to resolve the crisis. The DUTA urged all to ensure peaceful coexistence of all student organisations in the dormitories.

The DUTA also urged the Caretaker Government to resist terrorism on the campus and keep it free from arms and outsiders.

They also condemned the bomb attack at the provost bungalow of Sir AF Rahman Hall and house tutor's residence of Rokeya Hall.

The provosts expressed their concern over their security and demanded the authorities concerned to ensure security to all provosts and house tutors.

Sir AF Rahman Hall authorities caught three outsiders from the hall gate on Sunday noon. The authorities handed over them to police for trying to enter into the hall illegally.

On the eighth day of the nonstop shutdown called by JCD passed off without any untoward incident on Sunday.

Both the JCD and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) demonstrated on the campus in support and against the strike.

BCL submitted a memorandum to the Chief Advisor of the Caretaker Government apprising him of the campus situation demanding peaceful academic atmosphere on the campus and ensuring full security with safe accommodation to the immediate past Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Police blocked the BCL's procession at Shahbagh square. Following an impromptu rally a BCL delegation led by its president Bahadur Bepari went to the CA's office and submitted the memorandum.

BCL will bring out a protest demonstration against the JCD strike with keys in hands today (Monday).

The JCD leaders from their rally vowed to continue the strike till their demands are not met. Prior to the rally they brought out a procession on the campus.